

**Vision Group F – Prevention and Public Education  
Meeting Minutes for November 29, 2000**

**I. Introductions**

- A. Members Present: John Brown, Colleen Campbell, Fred Claridge, Heather Gramp, Nancy Lapolla, Ray Mosak, Jan Ogar, Michael Osur, Chris Ryther, Andy Stark, Lois Williams
- B. Non-members Present: Niels Tangherlini
- C. Introduction: John Brown introduced Niels, a graduate student and paramedic who has been working with John.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the September 25 meeting were approved with no changes.

**III. Agenda**

Jan set the agenda, to include discussion of Vision conference schedule and presentation logistics, Niel's thesis presentation and Nancy's prevention coordinator duty statement.

**IV. Business Items**

*Vision conference*

Jan discussed the schedule and agenda for the two Prevention and Public Education Vision Committee's workshops on Thursday, November 30. She asked the subcommittee leads to present their groups' summaries: Nancy will present Outreach, Michael Education, and Fred (in place of Sharon) Data. Also on the agenda will be Funding Issues and System Guidelines.

The group took a few minutes to discuss funding possibilities and how to fund a full-time, dedicated position at the EMS Authority (also to be discussed at the Conference workshops). Michael suggested pursuing prevention funding from foundation monies, which the group talked about.

Also to be included on the workshop agenda will be a roundtable discussion about what people are doing in their areas and also what people need to assist them in their prevention activities. It was suggested that a comparison be made of what people are doing at the local level and how that compares to State prevention activities.

Jan stated that she will monitor the time of each subcommittee's presentation (15 minutes each). Each workshop will last one and one-half hour.

### *Duty Statement/Job Description*

Nancy distributed a draft duty statement for a Prevention/Injury Coordinator at the State level. The permanent coordinator position is one of the Committee's objectives. It was decided that the duty statement will be sent out with these minutes in order to obtain feedback from members prior to next meeting, which will be January 22, in San Diego.

### *Vincent.Web*

Ray reported on a "canned" product he discovered on the Internet called "Vincent.Web"—Training in Injury Control and Violence Prevention, an on-line course on injury prevention. Ray printed out the entire model and shared it with the group. He added that this kind of product is very good for fire personnel and others who want a well-written teaching tool with clear, direct instructions. The e-mail address is [www.sph.unc.edu/vincentweb](http://www.sph.unc.edu/vincentweb). The group requested that this resource be added to EMSA's injury prevention website.

### *Red Light Violation/Pedestrian Safety Study*

John passed around a study covering the red light photo enforcement program conducted in San Francisco to reduce pedestrian injuries and deaths in that city (copy attached). He also discussed a website search relating to "injury prevention grant funding emergency medical services" (attached), and "building an Emergency Medical Services on-line prevention program registry".

This led to a discussion concerning the Outreach subcommittee's registry form and the goal of putting it on EMSA's website, and also to have the local EMS agencies complete it (it was recommended that three or four agencies, including Riverside, Santa Barbara, and San Mateo, test pilot the form, with the help of EMSA's IS staff). It was also recommended that the form be finalized and ready to go by June 2001.

It was recommended that a space to enter "project title" be added to the registry form.

### *Paramedics Working with Underserved Populations*

Niels described his masters thesis, titled "The Public Health Paramedic: Addressing the Needs of the Underserved". His thesis supports the theory that EMS providers are in a good position to put high-risk people in touch with community services that will help them with their particular situation (copies attached).

### *Next Meeting*

The group discussed when next to meet and agreed on January 22, the Monday before the next Commission meeting, in San Diego, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., exact location to be announced.